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Bears freeze Cowboys on Da Coach's big night

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Earl Bennett celebrates his first-quarter touchdown in Monday's win over Dallas.
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The superhero is addressed as high art, kitsch and god in performances by The Atlantic and Slate correspondent Noah Berlatsky and others, presented by the Homeroom arts organization. 9 p.m. $5 suggested donation.

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Bears fans at Soldier Field on Monday
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THE DIGIT

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That was the low temperature Monday in Daniel, Wyo., marking the coldest temperature in the contiguous United States. Bitter Arctic air in the upper Great Plains and Rocky Mountains is expected to persist through Wednesday, with the coldest weather extending from the Nevada-Utah region into Minnesota, the National Weather Service said.

SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE

A little wind chill can't keep some Bears fans from tailgating

Chicago Tribune

It was 11 degrees just before kickoff Monday night at the coldest Bears home game this season. But in a parking lot outside Soldier Field, the Volpe family was grilling out.

Sam Volpe, 52, a Bears season ticket holder for 27 years, stood between a simmering cube steak and a propane patio heater he brought from home.

Yes, he was cold. But "it's the Bears. I have to be here," said Volpe, whose son stood nearby but whose wife took shelter in the family SUV most of the night before the game started.

The family from Channahon, Ill., was among hundreds of people who tailgated outside the game, despite a reported wind chill of minus 5 degrees.

The freeze delivered a thinner-than-normal crowd for pregame tailgating, said Fred Blitt, 50, an attorney, who said he comes out to almost every home game with a customized party van that was blasting a Kelly Clarkson song as he spoke.

"It's fun, but you gotta be prepared, otherwise you're going to be miserable," explained Blitt, who said he brought a garbage can filled with wood for use as a fire pit during the pregame party.

Many fans in the parking lot before the game described themselves as seasoned veterans who knew the best techniques for keeping warm at the game: Layers are key, they said, in addition to having something to stand on, like cardboard, as a barrier to the unforgivingly cold concrete. For many, adult beverages also played a role.

Other enduring fans bypassed tailgating and headed straight for the stadium, like Jennifer Canning, 26, of Lombard, who carried a blanket and wore snow pants on top of five layers of fleece-lined pants. Her dad, Chuck Canning, said he wore five layers.

"I've been to much colder [games]," Chuck Canning said. "I've done it for 49 years. If you dress right, you can be warm. I mean, you can be comfortable enough."

Inside the stadium, warming stations with chairs and heaters were expected to be operating, stadium officials said Sunday.

Still, the game's kickoff temperature wasn't the coldest on record at Soldier Field. Bears spokesman Scott Hagel said Monday that the coldest recorded temperature during a Bears game there was 2 degrees, on Dec. 22, 2008, against the Green Bay Packers. The coldest recorded wind chill was minus 15 degrees, on Dec. 18. 1983, also against the Packers.

Blue Line redo feels familiar ...

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Call it deja Blue.

In what's being billed as the largest Blue Line investment in 30 years, CTA officials announced last week the agency will embark on a four-year, $492 million project to rid parts of the O'Hare branch of slow zones and upgrade 12 stations.

Sound familiar? While the station work is new, Blue Liners should be used to promises of slow zone removal.

In 2007, the CTA eliminated 22,500 feet of slow zone between Jefferson Park and Harlem, and trains there began to operate up to 55 miles per hour. (Trains run slower than 35 miles per hour in a slow zone.)

In 2008, the agency tackled the slow zones between Harlem and O'Hare, and Jefferson Park and Addison.

In 2009, the CTA focused on renewing the track between Clark/Lake and UIC/Halsted.

During these projects, parts of the Blue Line were shut down on weekends, shuttle service replaced trains and night work required trains to run on single tracks. In this upcoming construction, riders can expect similiar inconveniences, but the extent of these annoyances have not been announced.

The work aims to eliminate and prevent slow zones from Damen to Belmont and Grand to Division.

There is no doubt the Blue Line needs work. As of Friday, nearly 19 percent of the O'Hare branch is under slow zone. In December 2012, it was 5.9 percent.

Essentially, some riders have been paying more this year for slower service.

As part of last year's budget deal, riders without unlimited passes this year began paying $5 instead of $2.25 for Blue Line rides from O'Hare. The airport was the only spot to see this type of increase.

For what they've endured and what they will endure over the next four years, Blue Line riders deserve more than a Band-Aid. No need to go through this again in 10 more years.

X-MASS TRANSIT
The CTA Holiday Train will be on the Pink Line on Tuesday and Wednesday and the Blue Line Thursday through Saturday. Go to **transitchicago.com/holidaytrain** for the full schedule.

STATIONARY
A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note

This week: Chicago Brown Line
The trains at this Near North Side station are on the move—and so is the artwork on the stationhouse. Called "Reflections Expressions Transformations," the colorful platform-level aluminum panels are intended to pivot independently to "constantly shift and change, like the surrounding streetscape, in response to wind currents and the vibrations of passing trains," according to the CTA.

Next up: Sheridan Red Line

ANTHONY SOUFFLE/ TRIBUNE FILE

Spot-cleaning program ending

Chicago Tribune

The quick spot-cleaning that CTA rail cars receive when trains pull into terminals in the mornings and afternoons will be eliminated at the end of the year, the rail workers union said it was told by the transit agency Monday.

The CTA has not budgeted for new positions to replace ex-offenders whom the CTA has employed part-time since 2007 to clean rail cars and buses, said Robert Kelly, president of Local 308 of the Amalgamated Transit Union. The program will end Dec. 31, the CTA and the union said last week.

The union said trains will be cleaned only on the midnight shifts starting at the first of the year, because the CTA said it is eliminating all morning and mid-afternoon jobs for car-servicer positions.

"This could become a serious health matter for the public," Kelly said.

He said general cleanings, which are more extensive than spot-cleanings to pick up trash and mop up spills, will be stretched out to every 16 days instead of every 14 days.

CTA spokesman Brian Steele confirmed that effective Jan. 1, all current daytime crews will instead be assigned to work overnight hours to replace the apprentices, who work exclusively at night.

But "rail cars will maintain a high level of cleanliness each and every day," Steele said.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS
» The attack on Pearl Harbor happened in 1941. An item on Page 18 on Monday incorrectly stated how many years ago it occurred.
» In Monday's cover story, some of the responses from dating experts Bela Gandhi and J. Cameron Gantt were switched. View the correct answers at **redeyechicago.com**.

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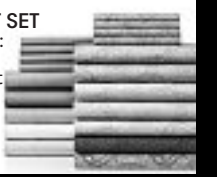

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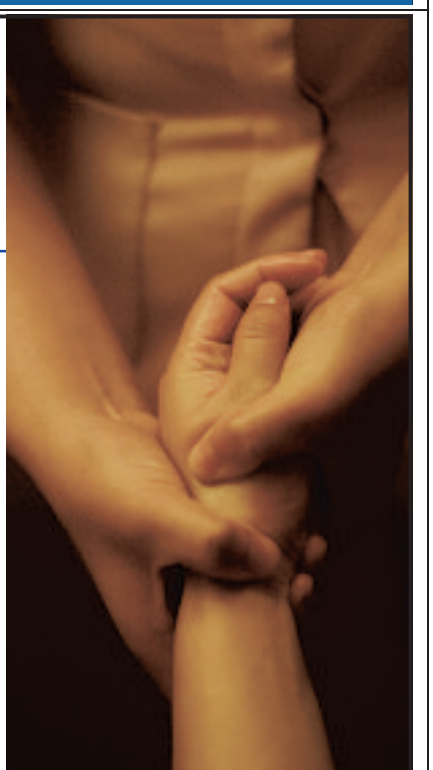

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Kashairah Gardner (right) visits a memorial for her daughter, Jah'Niyah White, on Monday. White died of a dog attack Saturday at age 2. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE

A family mourns

Chicago Tribune

As authorities continued investigating the death of Jah'Niyah White, who died from a dog attack Saturday while at her maternal grandfather's home in South Chicago, family members gathered at the home where the 2-year-old died to mourn and call for justice.

Kashairah Gardner and her mother, Lakeeta Gardner, quietly tied balloons to a sign at East 91st Street and South Buffalo Avenue on Monday.

"It's a way to remember her, to keep her close to our hearts," said the girl's maternal grandmother, Lakeeta Gardner, 40, referring to a memorial of half a dozen teddy bears. "She loved balloons. She loved toys. She loved to play."

"I would like to see everyone involved prosecuted," Gardner said.

Chicago police say the girl's death is under investigation and no charges have been filed. The family said they have not heard from the grandfather since the incident and have received conflicting accounts of what happened.

"I think there's more to the story," Gardner said. "There are so many unanswered questions."

Kashairah Gardner said she left her daughter at her father's house Friday night. She said she left work early on Saturday, haunted by an eerie feeling.

On Monday she described the moment she found out about her daughter's death: "They told me my baby was gone, just gone," she said.

Chicago police detectives were called to the 3300 block of East 91st Street about 2:45 p.m. Saturday.

The child was pronounced dead at 3:40 p.m. Saturday at Jackson Park Hospital, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

An autopsy Sunday determined that she died from multiple injuries she suffered in a dog attack and said a contributing factor was neglect. Her death was ruled a homicide, officials said.

EXPRESS LINES

» City officials have launched **suggest.divvybikes.com**, where users can pinpoint a location to add a bike-share station or comment on a suggested station location.

» A measure to regulate electronic cigarettes in the same way as tobacco products ran into City Council opposition and went nowhere Monday despite the support of Mayor Emanuel and a powerful alderman.

» Sen. Mark Kirk is recovering from gallbladder removal surgery after stomach pains sent him to the hospital Saturday, his office announced in a statement Monday. TRIBUNE, REDEYE

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Auto bailout saved 1.5M jobs

1 The federal bailout of General Motors, Chrysler and parts suppliers in 2009 saved 1.5 million jobs and preserved $105.3 billion in personal and social insurance tax collections, according to a study released Monday.

The Bush and Obama administrations loaned the auto industry, including GM and Chrysler, which is now controlled by Italy's Fiat, $80 billion to avoid the collapse of the industry that they felt would result in the loss of millions of jobs.

Critics of the bailout at the time had argued the companies should be allowed to fail and the industry that resulted from the aftermath would be stronger. Treasury officials have repeatedly said the bailout was not an investment meant to turn a profit, but a move to save jobs.

The Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich., estimated in its study that the bailout saved a lot of jobs, even crediting it for a rebound of the industry in 2010 after the initial fallout.

"Two consecutive executive administrations in Washington decided in late 2008 and early 2009 that the consequences of the potential losses and outcomes to the U.S. economy ... were worth avoiding through a federal intervention," Sean McAlinden, the center's chief economist, said in a statement.

"This peacetime intervention in the private sector by the U.S. government will be viewed as one of the most successful interventions in U.S. economic history," said McAlinden, who wrote the study along with Debra Maranger Menk.

General Motors headquarters in Detroit
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U.S. SELLS GM SHARES

The U.S. government sold its last shares of General Motors on Monday, leaving taxpayers saddled with a total shortfall of about $10 billion on the automaker's 2009 bailout. "With the final sale of GM stock, this important chapter in our nation's history is now closed," Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said.

11 more pilot whales found dead in Florida

2 Eleven more pilot whales have been found dead in the lower Florida Keys days after their pod became stranded in shallow waters along the coast, officials said Sunday, calling the outlook "bleak" for 29 surviving whales that remain unaccounted for.

Tensions running high over Ukraine protests

3 Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych backed a call for talks with the opposition on Monday to end weeks of protests in Kiev, but tension was high with pro-Europe demonstrators barricading their protest camp in preparation for police intervention.

No jail time for former San Diego mayor

4 A Superior Court judge on Monday accepted the major terms of the plea bargain of ex-San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, sentencing him to 90 days of home confinement with no jail time. Filner pleaded guilty in October to a felony charge of false imprisonment and two of misdemeanor battery, all involving women.

18 officials indicted in criminal cases

5 Eighteen current or former Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department officials have been indicted in five separate criminal cases in connection with a wide-ranging investigation into allegations of abuse and misconduct inside the county's jails.

THE DIGIT

0.8 That's the percentage that monthly sales declined at American McDonald's restaurants open at least 13 months, suggesting that the chain is losing U.S. market share to its competitors.

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BEARS

CHICAGO 45, DALLAS 28

MIKED UP

Hats—er, helmets—off to Mike Ditka, who received arguably the highest honor a former player can hope for Monday. No Bear will ever wear No. 89 again. Chicago will never again see a character like Da Coach, either. We asked our Twitter and Facebook followers: If the Bears ever get Ditka a statue, what scene would it depict? REDEYE

"this is your IQ buddy: 0" —@BleacherBummed

No brainer, him flipping off the camera. —@Babs_Carroll

Ditka chomping on a cigar, sporting polarized shades, one foot on the head of a lion, the other standing on a cheesehead. —@StanDeCwikielJr

Bronze sculpture of his head, plus aviators —@k3VINIABNO

His mustache —Cesc Garfias

His mustache...giving the finger —Alyssa Duncan

On the shoulders of the players after the superbowl win —Ryan Moorhead

Ditka coaching soccer with Will Ferrell in the movie Kicking and Screaming is the obvious answer for a statue —Michael J. Iggy

One where Walter Payton is on players shoulders while Ditka is walking off the opposite way —Martin Da Costa

COLD HARD 'STACHE

Bears are money on the frigid night they retire Mike Ditka's number

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

Daaaaaaaa hope.

Among the fond memories Chicago has of Mike Ditka—the mustache, the screaming, the cigars—near the top of the list is that in most of the games he coached or played, the Bears found a way to win. Scoring every time you have the ball is a pretty cool bonus.

The Bears busted up Dallas on Monday night at Soldier Field, pulling into a first-place tie with Detroit in the NFC North for the time being. (The Bears must finish one game ahead of the Lions to win the division.) They never punted, and they never turned the ball over in their 45-28 victory.

As for the Ditka: Although he is not renowned for his patience, he waited almost 50 years to have his No. 89 retired, which the Bears did during a halftime ceremony Monday.

On the field, the Bears thawed their playoff chances. We mean that literally—Monday's temps dipped to around 10 degrees by kickoff with the wind chill at minus 9.

Not that Ditka would ever accept a little cold as an excuse. In honor of Da Coach, here are Monday's highlights on a scale of 1 to 5 Ditka staches.

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FIRST QUARTER

1 'stache: First play from scrimmage and Dallas' DeMarco Murray runs for 19 yards. Uh-oh. There's that Bears run defense again, ranked last in the NFL.

1 'stache: Dez Bryant catches a short TD pass to put Dallas up 7-0. Numbers on the Cowboys' opening drive: 12 plays, 75 yards, zero resistance.

2 'staches: Martellus Bennett catches a pass for 11 yards and a first down on the Bears' first play. Psshh, just because it's cold doesn't mean you have to run the ball.

DeMarco Murray (left) and Tim Jennings
SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE

3 'staches: Josh McCown hits Alshon Jeffery with a first-down pass of 15 yards, even with a defender blanketing him. Get it? Blanket? Because it's cold out?

5 'staches: Earl Bennett sighting! McCown hits him with a 4-yard touchdown pass to tie the game. The Bears' D was bad on the first drive, and Dallas' defense was ... just as bad. Good thing, too.

Score: Bears 7, Cowboys 7

Earl Bennett
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THE STARTING LINE » Bulls vs. Milwaukee, 7 p.m. CSN+ » Blackhawks at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. CSN » White Sox sign pitcher Felipe Paulino to one-year deal

Ashon Jeffery's second-quarter touchdown MCT

SECOND QUARTER

4 'staches: James Anderson sacks Dallas quarterback Tony Romo on third down, forcing a punt. Just like another No. 50. The one Ditka coached. Who was also named Mike. That can't be a coincidence.

3 'staches: Josh McCown scrambles for a first down thanks to a crushing block by Brandon Marshall. That's the perfect Ditka receiver!

5 'staches: Touchdown run by Josh McCown! He even did that Jim McMahon helicopter spin like in the 1985 season. Everyone is in throwback mode tonight.

3 'staches: The Bears settle for a 27-yard field goal by Robbie Gould. Kickers aren't known as some of the toughest guys in football, but Ditka might make an exception for one of the best ever.

5 'staches: Al. Shon. Jeffery. The Bears' "other" star receiver is a straight-up freak. In a good way. Because he makes such extraordinary catches.

Score: Bears 24, Cowboys 14

STAT OF THE DAY

13 That's how many players had worn Mike Ditka's No. 89 jersey with the Bears since he was traded in 1966.

Josh McCown (left) celebrates his second-quarter touchdown run with Brandon Marshall on Monday. BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE

THIRD QUARTER

4 'staches: Matt Forte takes a Josh McCown pass and dashes 34 yards, breaking tackles along the way.

2 'staches: Look at Robbie Gould getting his hands dirty on a kickoff return. That could have been worse. Much worse.

Matt Forte
BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE

5 'staches: Forte! That was an old-school Bears drive right there. All RBs, all the time.

3 'staches: No one on the Bears wanted a sack more than former Cowboy Jeremiah Ratliff. Done and done: get that man a lasso!

Score: Bears 35, Cowboys 14

FOURTH QUARTER

5 'staches: TD Michael Bush! The Bears would be laughing at the Cowboys ... if they could get their teeth to stop chattering.

1 'stache: Major Wright chases down DeMarco Murray, saving a touchdown. Wright missed last week, so clearly he came back just in time.

4 'staches: Gould knocks another field goal through, and it's 45-21. Meanwhile, the fans rush toward the exits. Normally that would be frowned upon, but not with this wind chill.

Michael Bush
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3 'staches: Kyle Orton enters the game at quarterback for the Cowboys. Long live the neck beard!

5 'staches: The Bears' record (7-6) looks ugly at first. But throw in the fact that they're tied with Detroit for first in the NFC North and it's oh-so-pretty.

Final: Bears 45, Cowboys 28

TOP DOG WEEK 14 RESULTS

Each week, RedEye's Whizzer goes paw to paw with Rob Cressy's miniature schnauzer, Callie, to see who picks NFL games more accurately. Here's how they fared this week:

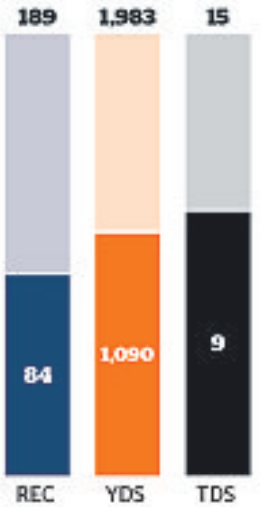
Callie	Whizzer
3-2	3-2

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	GB
Detroit	7	6	0	–
BEARS	**7**	**6**	**0**	**–**
Green Bay	6	6	1	1.5
Minnesota	3	9	1	4.5

WEEK 15
Chicago at Cleveland
Noon Sunday, Fox

MARSHALL METER

At the start of the season, we dissected Brandon Marshall's stats and came up with our special "predictions." Here's a look at where he stands after Week 14 and the numbers he's chasing.



» Former MLB managers Tony La Russa, Bobby Cox and Joe Torre elected to Hall of Fame » Oregon football players face discipline for snowball fight

WHEEAAAT!

For whatever reason, some of our panelists have cereal on the brain. Or are just huge fans of breakfast in general.

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1	**Give Blackhawks goalie Antti Raanta some advice now that Corey Crawford is injured.**	Talk about legumes as much as possible.	Just remember the Pat Foley mantra that worked for that other Antti goalie we had: RAANTA SAYS NO!	Win the Cup again and you'll be named "Drunk Starting Goalie Who Curses During Rally."	The puck stops with you. Do the splits, dive, whatever it takes to block the puck.	Watch for flying objects.
2	**What will be the highlight of the Chicago baseball offseason?**	Chris Sale tries carbs for the first time.	Enjoying the silence. North Siders don't have to hear the Woo Woo and South Siders get a break from Hawk.	Both teams go undefeated!	The fight between rooftop owners and the Cubs. Will the Cubs lose this battle too?	Former White Sox DH Bo Jackson's golf outing.
3	**What's the punishment for a snowball fight involving college football players gone bad?**	They have to do math for 15 minutes.	Forced to make snow angels in togas while snow is dumped on them from red Solo cups.	Double secret probation.	They should be forced to scrape snow and ice off windshields of parked cars all over campus.	No beer pong for six weeks.
4	**Explain how Taj Gibson has improved his offensive game.**	Those shoes with the thing on the toe that make you jump higher.	If you wanna run with the Bulls starting lineup, you'll improve dat game quick!	Wheaties ... what else would it be?!	He switched up his breakfast meal. He now eats a bowl of Wheaties.	He studied Carlos Boozer last year, then did the exact opposite.
5	**Now that Kobe Bryant is back ...**	... Derrick Rose is still hurt and nothing else matters.	... he can get to counting that two-year, $48 million extension money!	... the Lakers can go back to blaming Pau Gasol for everything!	... nobody in Chicago cares. We miss D-Rose.	... I can go back to hating the Lakers with the fierce intensity I'm accustomed to.

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Jordan Lynch
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Jordan Lynch's underdog story isn't over just yet. The Northern Illinois quarterback and Chicago native was named a Heisman Trophy finalist Monday, thanks to 2,676 yards passing, 1,881 rushing and 46 total TDs. The other finalists: Florida State's Jameis Winston, Alabama's A.J. McCarron, Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel, Boston College's Andrew Williams and Auburn's Tre Mason. Of course, if Lynch wins this, we may have no choice but to call him Jordan Football.

In M-Rahm's league

Magglio Ordonez has transformed from a ballplayer to a politician in his native Venezuela. The former White Sox outfielder was elected mayor of Sotillo (population: 250,000) this weekend. Ordonez is a member of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela. Upon learning of Ordonez's election, we're guessing Ozzie Guillen said, well, something we can't print.

Kent Simpson
BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE

'Kent' is not a 4-letter word

Well, it is, but not in the traditional sense. The Blackhawks recalled goaltender Kent Simpson from Rockford on Monday in the wake of an apparent groin injury suffered by starter Corey Crawford. Simpson is expected to serve as backup to rookie Antti Raanta.

THE MOUTHWATCH

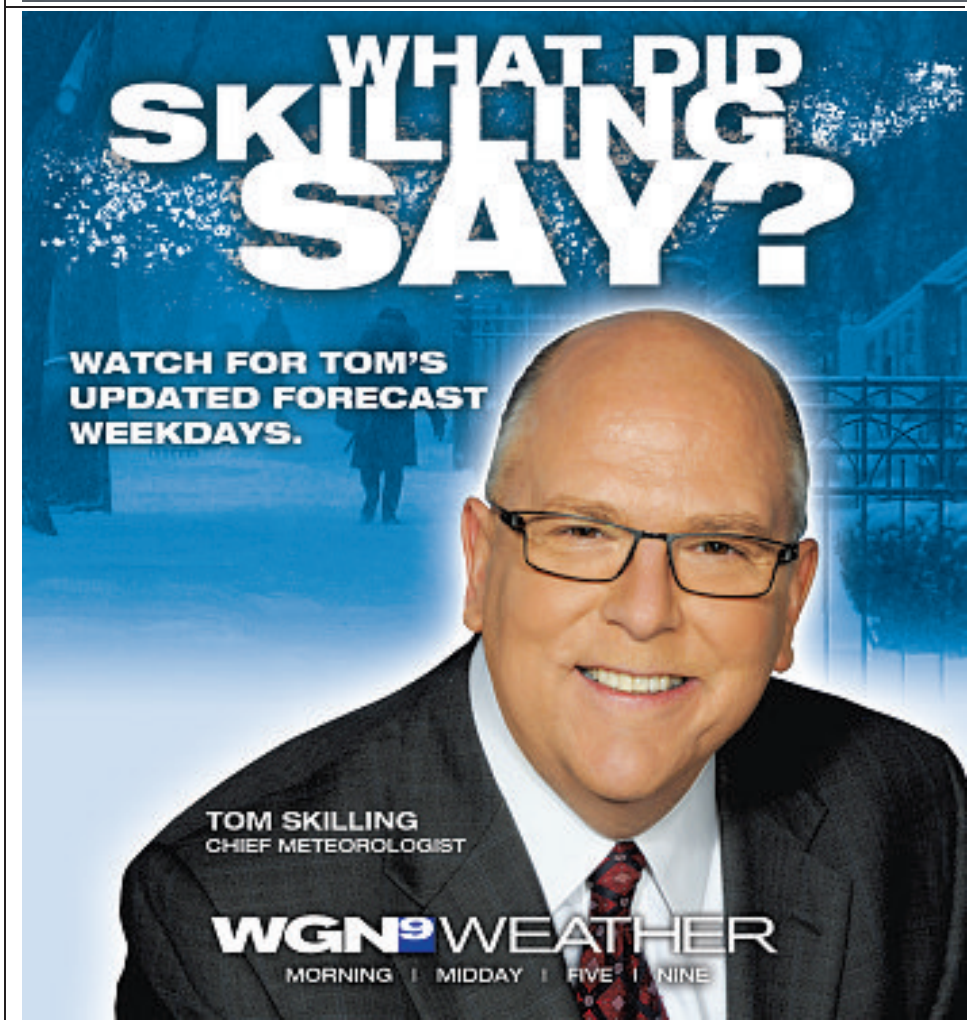
"We come in and we fight so hard, to have to beat a team and the officials, it doesn't make any sense. ... And then to top it off you have the fans who are acting like kids and just throwing snowballs ... it was ridiculous."

—Minnesota running back Adrian Peterson, to KFAN FM, on the Vikings' loss Sunday

No Fun League strikes again

Apparently, it's possible to have football's biggest stage without buffets. According to ESPN, the NFL will not allow tailgating during the 2014 Super Bowl, which is to be held outside New York. "You will be allowed to have food in your car and have drink in your car," said Al Kelly, the game's committee CEO. "And provided you're in the boundaries of a single parking space, you'll be able to eat or drink right next to your car." Um, thanks?

THE FINISH LINE » Cubs' Kris Bryant named to Arizona Fall League Top Prospects Team



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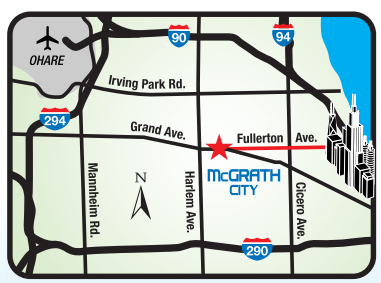

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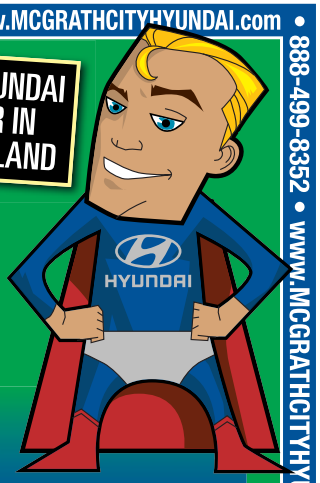

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Daniel Craig as James Bond in 'Skyfall'

Sex, drugs and the 'James Bond' effect

Los Angeles Times

A medical journal that recently concluded that violence in PG-13 movies is skyrocketing has a new report showing that almost 90 percent of the highest-grossing recent movies have violent characters, more than three-quarters of which also engage in drinking, smoking or sex.

The study in Pediatrics, the monthly publication of the American Academy of Pediatrics, focused on the on-screen combination of violence and other conduct that the researchers say makes violence look "as acceptable as these other behaviors." The study also found that the mixture of violence and at least one other "risk behavior" such as alcohol or tobacco use was nearly as common in films rated PG-13 as it was in movies rated R.

Although the new study, being released Monday, did not reach any fresh conclusions about how audiences might be affected by the cinematic mixture of risky conduct, its authors reiterated that earlier investigations had shown that some consumers could and did emulate on-screen behavior.

"We're interested in how adolescents view these films," Daniel Romer of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania said. "We know that some adolescents will initiate alcohol use, some adolescents will initiate tobacco use and some adolescents will initiate sex" based on what they see in entertainment.

Romer and two other researchers at the university analyzed behavior of characters in 390 of the most popular films in the United States from 1985 to 2010.

Mirroring the report in Pediatrics a month ago, which found that gunplay in PG-13 releases had tripled in fewer than 30 years and that PG-13 titles were now more violent than R-rated movies, the new study found that violence was ubiquitous in Hollywood blockbusters, with 89.7 percent of those 390 movies having at least one scene of violence.

More troubling to the researchers, characters that behaved violently in 77.4 percent of those 390 films also engaged in at least one other behavior considered dangerous for children and adolescents, primarily alcohol use or sex, which happened alongside violence about 62 percent of the time. About half of those conjoined behaviors were immediately proximate, happening in the same five-minute window.

Romer and the researchers called this the "James Bond effect," wherein violence is glamorized by pairing it with other risky conduct, or shown as acceptable as sex. The researchers cited a scene in Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" as an example of a film depicting violence and sex as equally acceptable.

"We are concerned that these are shown as normal adult behaviors," Romer said.

Films rated PG-13 were almost as likely to depict violence alongside at least one other risky behavior as were R-rated movies; 81.7 percent of PG-13 films included such a link versus 87.7 percent for R-rated titles.

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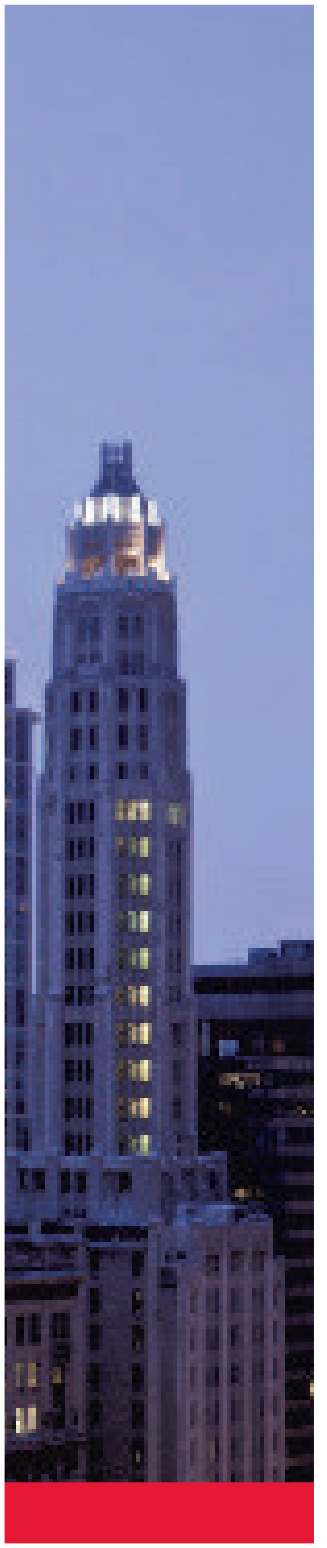

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By Ernest Wilkins
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Full disclosure: I am a bona fide fan of R. Kelly's music. So much so that I co-host a bimonthly party called Bump & Grindcore where we celebrate R&B of the '90s and 2000s, using him as the inspiration. This review exists solely to critique the music, not the man.

To correct a current misunderstanding about the genre: Generally, R&B music is about love, sex and what happens when those two things intersect. (Sometimes they don't. It happens!) It should provoke reaction. That said, welcome to "Black Panties," R. Kelly's 13th solo record. He isn't playing—this album is about two things: 1. Sex and 2: See No. 1. The artist wants "Panties" to be played while engaging in hardcore sexual acts that may or may result in cramps and sweaty sheets. If you aren't into that kind of thing, don't listen to this album.

Songs like "Legs Shakin'," "Marry the P***y" and "Cookie" aren't clever allusions meant to be sung with a wink. If anything, the downright frank nature of this album is refreshing. These aren't tunes you'll hear a newly married couple choose for their first dance, unless you have really interesting friends.

Speaking of interesting, album standout "Shut Up" is the closest we've come to a hardcore "[Bleep] you" from Kells in awhile. The track reflects on his return from his 2011 throat surgery, the many allegations against him and his disappointment with the lack of respect out here. Note his last verse:

"No offense to the other artist, but come on, dog, let's be honest/How many babies been made off me?/Every boy, every girl, every child around the world/From the '90s up until the day was made off me."

Wow. Tell us how you really feel, Kells.

Here's how I really feel: Both Kelly diehards and those who only know hits like "Ignition (Remix)," "Bump N' Grind," "I Believe I Can Fly" and the sprawling campiness of the "Trapped in the Closet" series must give this album a listen to see a master (of singing songs that make you want to bone) in action.

R. KELLY'S 'BLACK PANTIES' BY THE NUMBERS

3 Number of seconds before Kelly starts talking about sex.

4 Featured artists on the album (Kelly Rowland, Young Jeezy, 2 Chainz and Ludacris).

13 Number of R. Kelly solo albums to date.

58 Number of times p***y is said on the song "Marry the P***y."

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Number of human beings born between 1990 and 2000 that R. Kelly claims his music is responsible for creating on "Shut Up." E.W.

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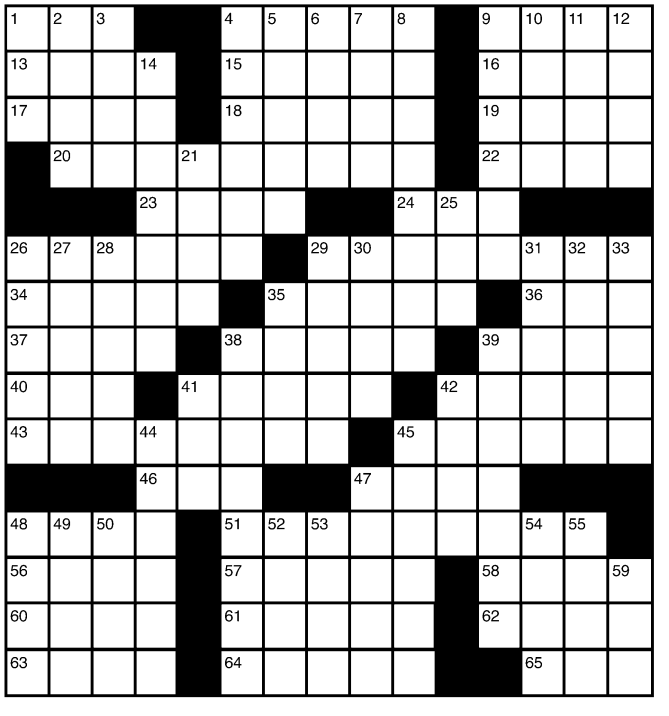
TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1869: Women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.
1931: Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.
2004: Sprinter Michelle Collins was suspended for eight years for a doping violation linked to the BALCO scandal.



ACROSS
1 Flurry; bustle
4 State that exports taters
9 Make fun of
13 Air opening
15 Jumbled
16 Up to the task
17 Every
18 Like mild weather
19 Harness strap
20 Poverty
22 Keyboard error
23 Terry cloth wraparound
24 Bashful
26 On fire
29 Wearing a look of contempt
34 Feel about blindly
35 Scrub
36 Hawaii's Mauna _
37 Shade of blue
38 Trudges
39 Turn over
40 New Year's _; December 31
41 Noisy birds
42 Rent long-term
43 Adores
45 Was out of breath
46 Energy
47 Swamp critter, for short
48 _ off; left suddenly
51 Stress
56 "See no _, hear no ..."
57 Parking lot employee
58 Unpopular kid
60 Home of twigs
61 Make laugh
62 Music's Lady _
63 Genealogist's drawing
64 Goes on & on
65 Hit a tennis ball in a high arc

DOWN
1 "_ Maria"
2 College official
3 In the past
4 Drink
5 Actress and author Farr
6 Wheel support
7 _ in; corners
8 Epic traveler
9 One who dies for his beliefs
10 Follow orders
11 Paper _; page fastener
12 Casino game
14 Physical _; rehabilitation
21 Fall asleep
25 That girl
26 VP Spiro _
27 "Good for you!"
28 Romeo
29 Flat-bottomed boats
30 Indicates one's assent silently
31 _ ease; uncomfortable
32 Clamor
33 Stared with an open mouth
35 Dinner in a sty
38 Very ancient
39 Swordplay
41 Fraternity letter
42 Asian nation
44 Slender
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49 All _; finished
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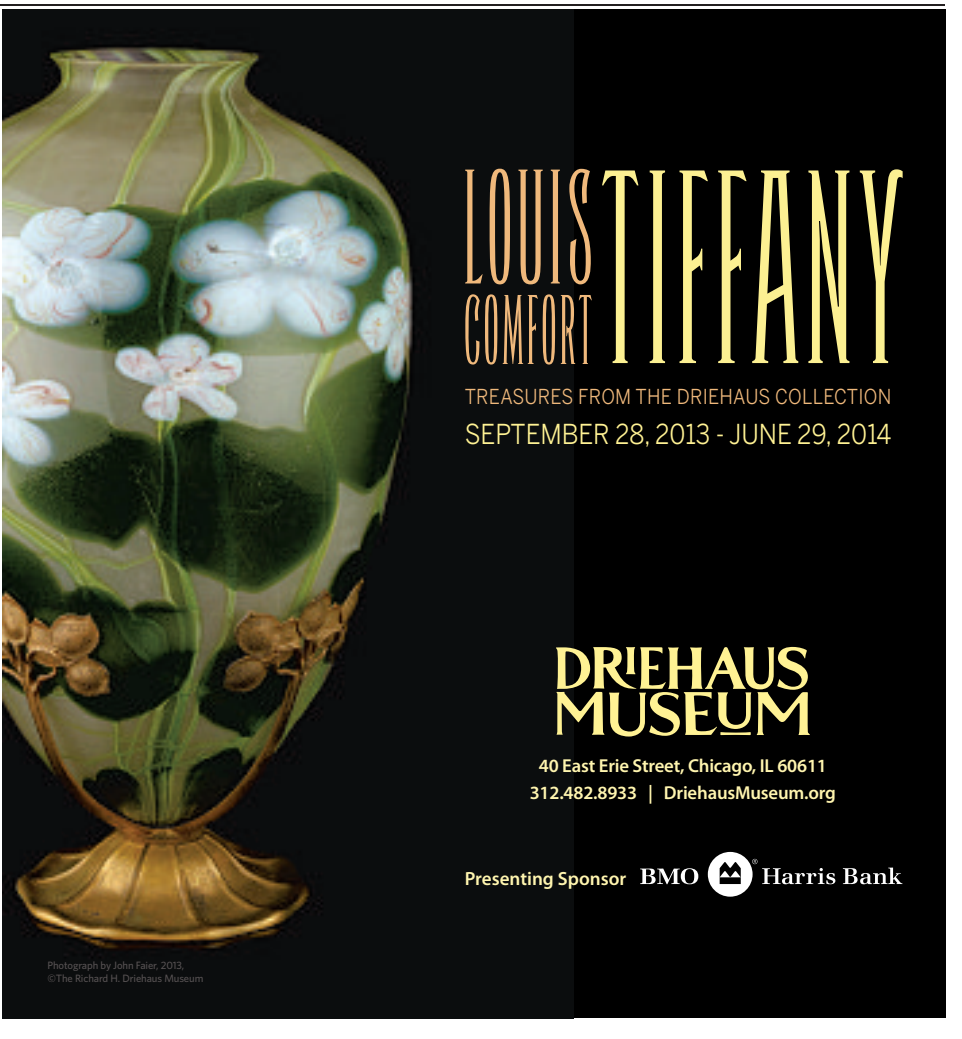

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Is the world ready for this? Justin Bieber is finally going on vacation

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

No, that whole fiasco of a European tour didn't count. Justin Bieber is taking a real live vacay next year, billboard.com reports—the first one to last longer than two weeks since he was 12. (To be fair, have any of us gone on a vacation that long since we were 12? Does summer break count?) While the Bieb made time to release a track with Chicago's own Chance the Rapper before his break ("Confident" dropped Sunday), we're pretty sure he's got some other priorities during his break. We made him a list of things to pack for his big R&R getaway—and some stuff to leave out. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

Justin Bieber
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TO BRING

- Doublemint gum
- Big tank tops
- Chains
- Fitted pants
- Bodyguards
- SPF 50 sunblock
- Tracking device
- Jaunty hat
- The 'Hunger Games' book series

LEAVE AT HOME

- Pet monkey
- Cocktail umbrellas
- Fake ID
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- Desire to get another tattoo
- Selena Gomez's phone number

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End times?

Is Amy Poehler hinting around about the death of "Parks and Recreation"? Depends on how you read her crystal ball. "I think I know how the show ends," she told Paper magazine. "To some extent, with the exception of one or two seasons, we never really know if we're coming back. I know how this season ends—it could be an ending for the show, or it could be an ending for the season." Not this business again.

Going for broke

These five stars are laughing their way to the bank. Forbes has released its annual list of overpaid actors, based on box-office gross vs. salary in the past three years. Our reaction: Wait, Katherine Heigl is still doing movies?

1. Adam Sandler
2. Katherine Heigl
3. Reese Witherspoon
4. Nicolas Cage
5. Kevin James

'The uglier, the better'

Swedish music duo Icona Pop shared some love for ugly Christmas sweaters during Monday night's KISS-FM Jingle Ball red carpet at the United Center. "I kind of love them," Aino Jawo said. "I think they become gorgeous after a while." Echoed Caroline Hjelt: "Yeah, I mean, the uglier, the better, I guess." Watch the video at **redeyechicago.com/iconapop**.

THE QUOTE

"JUST GET ANOTHER GUY REALLY QUICK! I THINK IF YOU GET ANOTHER BOYFRIEND, IT'S REALLY EASY TO GET OVER IT."

—Britney Spears, on Ryan Seacrest's radio show, on how best to weather a breakup

GETTING 'GIGLI' WITH IT

Laugh all you want, but "Gigli" was an important learning experience for Ben Affleck. And not just involving the lusty warblings of J. Lo. " 'Gigli's' where I learned to direct," he told Playboy, going on to extoll the virtues of director Martin Brest, who did "Beverly Hills Cop" and "Scent of a Woman." And "Gigli." Let's not forget that one, Ben.

HOT DATE

FEB. 25

That's when St. Vincent's self-titled major-label debut will drop, **vulture.com** reports. The first single, "Birth in Reverse," was released Monday. Wait, isn't that just death? We'll stop asking questions.

Annie Clark, aka St. Vincent
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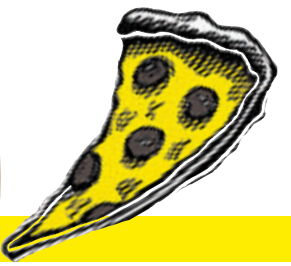
A LOVELY CHEESE PIZZA, JUST FOR ME

What happens when you mix Macaulay Culkin, pizza and the Velvet Underground? Not a grown-up re-creation of "Home Alone," that's for sure. The Los Angeles Times reports that Culkin is a member of a Velvet Underground parody band called The Pizza Underground—and every song is about pizza. "Papa John Says." "I'm Beginning to Eat the Slice." Etc.



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